

Morning Prayer

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Monday, November 2, 2020

+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

By Word and water God renews us this day
in the living fountain of God’s grace,
and raises us with Christ Jesus
to live a new life in the Spirit.
Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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+ **MORNING CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithful-ness by *night*,

to the music of the lute and the *harp*,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your *work*;
at the works of your hands I sing for *joy*.

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are ver-y *deep!*

Psalm 92:1-5

+ MORNING PRAYER

The Holy One be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such
piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish
passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and
no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see
life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Augustine

+ Psalm 5 NRSV

***Listen to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for to you I pray.***

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD;
give heed to my *sighing*.

² Listen to the sound of my *cry*,
my King and my God,
for to you I *pray*.

³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my *voice*;
in the morning I plead my case to you, and *watch*.

⁴ For you are not a God who delights in wick-ed-ness;
evil will not sojourn with *you*.

⁵ The boastful will not stand be-fore your eyes;
you hate all e-vil-*doers*.

⁶ You destroy those who speak *lies*;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de-*ceitful*.

⁷ But I, through the abundance of your stead-fast love,
will enter your *house*,
I will bow down toward your ho-ly *temple*
in awe of *you*.

⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness

because of my *enemies*;
make your way straight be-fore *me*.

⁹ For there is no truth in their *mouths*;
their hearts are *destruction*;
their throats are o-pen *graves*;
they flatter with their *tongues*.

¹⁰ Make them bear their guilt, O *God*;
let them fall by their own *counsels*;
because of their many transgressions cast them *out*,
for they have rebelled against *you*.

¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for *joy*.
Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may ex-ult in *you*.

¹² For you bless the right-eous, O *LORD*;
you cover them with favor as with a *shield*.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Listen to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for to you I pray.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 CEB

¹³ We also thank God constantly for this: when you accepted God's word that you heard from us, you welcomed it for what it truly is. Instead of accepting it as a human message, you accepted it as God's message, and it continues to work in you who are believers.

¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, you became imitators of the churches of God in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus. This was because you also suffered the same things from your own people as they did from the Jews.

¹⁵ They killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out. They don't please God, and they are hostile to the entire human race ¹⁶ when they try to stop us from speaking to the Gentiles so they can be saved. Their sins are constantly pushing the limit. God's wrath has caught up with them in the end.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, we were separated from you for a while physically but not in our hearts. We made every effort in our desire to see you again face-to-face. ¹⁸ We

wanted to come to you—I, Paul, tried over and over again—and Satan stopped us. ¹⁹What is our hope, joy, or crown that we can brag about in front of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Isn't it all of you? ²⁰You are our glory and joy!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:
deliverance from enemies
and from the hand of all who hate *us*;
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to

our an-cestor, *Abraham*,
to make us un-a-*fraid*,
to rescue us from our *enemies*,
to serve before you, holy and just,
all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child,
shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,
going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,
making your people know *de-liverance*
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.**

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,
to shine on those kept in dungeons
and the shadows of *death*
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*.

LUKE 1:68-79

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

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+ **COMMEMORATION:** Phoebe Palmer

“Phoebe Palmer was the preeminent woman theologian and evangelist of the holiness movement. She believed in and trusted the direct call of the spirit and she believed that call strong enough to overturn society's proscription against women in the pulpit. ...

Phoebe had a strong biblical faith. She believed that one must do what the spirit commanded. When she felt called by the spirit to testify, she was compelled to speak. Palmer found particular affirmation of the role of women in the writings and actions of the Apostle Paul and John Wesley.”

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Silent reflection

+ **COLLECT:** Phoebe Palmer

Strong word of God, by whom the world was created, in whom the world is redeemed, always send forth heralds like Phoebe Palmer to bear the good news, that you are saving way may be known

***in every place and time, in every land and to every people, for your sake and the sake of the world.
Amen.***

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+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

Let us pray:

+ **PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that with health being renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ FOR THE HARVEST OF LANDS AND WATERS

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+ PRAYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may

crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

***Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,
You have brought us in safety to this new day:
preserve us with your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your
purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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+ **BLESSING**

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. ***Amen.***

(TRADITIONAL GAELIC PRAYER)